Refuge Engineering Equipment Operator receives regional Unsung Hero Award



David Miller, a member of the refuge's maintenance staff, recently received the agency's "Unsung Hero" award for his work to protect natural resources. Dave was recognized for his excellence in all aspects of the refuge's maintenance program.

According to Deputy Refuge Manager Steve Henry:

"Dave consistently went above-and-beyond the duties of his position during 2011. His exceptional efforts yielded significant benefits for Great Swamp refuge, the Northeast Region, and the Service. Dave is a thoughtful, well-respected voice within the Wage Grade community and a sought after team player. He gladly shares his expertise with other stations as both an equipment operator and trainer. His skills in property acquisition have benefited numerous stations and saved the region thousands of dollars. Dave's great attitude and excellent work ethic are making a significant positive impact throughout R5 and nationally!"

The Service's Unsung Hero Award is presented annually to employees who have made a positive contribution "behind the scenes" to the mission of the Service and, more broadly, to the U.S. Department of the Interior.